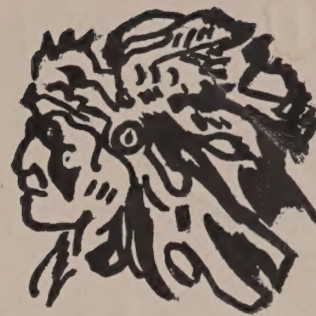


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Under-Dog Brownies Beat West Side, 19-12

CLASS OF '56 TO PRESENT "WINTER-WONDERLAND"

On December 3rd, at 8 o'clock, the Junior Class will present the annual Junior Cabaret in the form of a "Winter-Wonderland."

Chairmen for the dance are: General Chairman, Stanley Drzyzga, who, we're sure, will do all he can to make this the best Cabaret ever. Helping him are: Janet Thorpe, chairman of tickets, and her committee composed of Ann Cloutier, William Irwin, Caroline Aldrich, Richard Stahl, Charles Robinson, Vernon Stork, Joanne Meissner, and Barbara Meissner. Betty Ann Cote is chairman of publicity, and her committee includes Eleanor D'Amato, Jeanne DeForge, and Patricia Conner. Carole St. Peter, chairman of refreshments, and her committee consisting of Joyce Mercadante, Joan O'Connor, Barbara Morassi, Judy Robinson, Joan Fitzgerald, Caroline Aldrich, and June Brisette. Harriet Shea and her committee for Invitation and Souvenirs is well managed by Connie McGovern, Susan LaFrancis, Audrey LaCourse, Leon Hebert, Mavis White, Barbara Meiss-

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PRO MERITO LIST ANNOUNCED

Members of the Senior Class who have worked faithfully to maintain an average of 85% or over for three years are now being rewarded by membership in the Pro Merito Society. These pupils are given some privileges such as the use of permanent passes and extra text books which they may keep at home. The members are: Cynthia Allen, Alice Arnold, Elizabeth Behrens, John Bumsted, Jerome Doolittle, Carolyn Fogg, Albert Girotti, Elizabeth Guidi, Alice Harpin, Donald Hastings, Jane Masure, Joyce Minney, Margery Morton, Anita Rosso, and Carole Sulborski.



THE HEART OF AMERICA

Several families had established homes in the wilds of New England. With persistence and determination these hardy pioneers battled innumerable odds. Forests had to be cleared — crops had to be grown midst rocks and tree-stumps. Sickness and disease were a continual threat, sometimes wiping out entire settlements. Often crops failed and the land's courageous inhabitants fought bravely to ward off the pangs of starvation. Winters were long and cold, with only a crude cabin to protect them from the ravages of nature.

But did these people turn back and give up in utter despair? Did they demand government subsidies, checks for crops they didn't raise, high prices for crops to be burned?

They would have scorned such things — scorned and feared, for they knew from days under foreign rule that where government money went, government control went too. They knew that the only happiness is from self-respect, and the only way to self-respect is to earn your own way, not whine for something for nothing.

Their sons and grandsons started grocery stores, became mechanics, saved their money and started factories. American machines bought by American thrift made the factories grow.

This is the true heart of America, made by people seeking opportunity in a savage and desolate land, 3,000 miles from home. Spirit like this has made America the strongest nation on earth — "indivisible, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

True, America has had depressions, but it also maintains the highest standard of living of any country in the world. Yes, America has unem-

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By Don Hastings

Our "Battlin' Brownies" played their best game of the year to upset arch-rival West Springfield, 19-12, at Veterans' Field, West Springfield. This Agawam team looked like a different outfit than the one who had lost four out of five games.

After Agawam had failed to score on early opportunities and West Side had driven for a second period score, I, like most Agawam rooters, expected the start of a West Side romp. But we all soon found that this was a new Agawam team.

The fore-mentioned Terrier score came early in the second quarter. West Side started a drive on the 50, driving to our 13 on power plays up the middle with Rolandini and Vetal carrying. Fooling the Agawam defense, Vetal took a pitchout and raced around the left-end for the touchdown. The Brownies stopped the P.A.T.

Agawam came right back. With Pisano, Bruno, and Mercadante doing the brunt of the carrying, the Brownies drove 66 yards to the West Side 6. From there Merk tallied on a quick opener. Bruno bulled over for the P.A.T. to put Agawam ahead at halftime, 7-6.

The Terriers kicked to Agawam to open the last half. On the first play from scrimmage, Bob Merk tore through a gaping hole in the West Side line and raced 71 yards to the Terrier one. Merk received payment for the spectacular run by plunging into the end zone on the next play to put Agawam ahead, 13-6. The extra point was stopped.

West Side kept the game close by driving for a touchdown late in the third quarter. Two pass plays from Bishop to Johnson put the ball on the 12. Two plays later, Biagini tallied from the 6. Our determined Brownies smothered Vetal, to stop his attempt to tie the score.

Jim Bruno's electrifying run in the

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Diplomat—A man who thinks twice before saying nothing

Summer—The season when children slam doors they left open all winter

Recreation—Getting exhausted on your own time

Secret—Something you tell to one person at a time

Censor—a person who knows more than he thinks you ought to

Gossip—A person who suffers from acute indiscretion

Law-abiding citizen — One who slows down as he passes a stop sign

Traffic light—A trick to get pedestrians halfway across the street safely.

Television—Smog with knobs

FFA NEWS

The Officers of the Agawam Chapter FFA were invited to a roast beef supper at the Lions Club on Wednesday, November 3, at the Captain Leonard House. Each officer spoke briefly to the assembled Lions.

On Nov. 5 the annual public speaking contest took place in assembly. The contestants were James Bitgood, Peter Bushey, Bill Fearn, and Geary Hinshaw. Geary was the winner and he will go on to participate in the district contest. The alternate is William Fearn.

Judges were Miss Barbara Phelps, Mr. Wayne Holmes, Mr. Henry Baker. That same afternoon 15 FFA boys went to the annual leadership training school at Templeton High. The Agawam members participated in two of the panels. Peter Cecchi served as chairman of one group; and Bill Rhodes was chairman of the other.

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This month our Inquiring Reporters travelled throughout the halls asking teachers and students their opinions of our two-platoon system. They came up with the following results.

Betty Guidi—It's too bad they have to have it for my last year.

Sandra Torp—I like it.

Roger Phaneuf—I have to get up too early.

Miss Ward—I can't see anything good about it.

Mr. Dacey—I don't like it because it cuts too much time off each period.

David Yeakel—I like it because it gives us more time for our social activities.

Carolyn Fogg — Everything is so confusing with it, but it will do for a while.

Nancy Candido—I like it because it gives me time to catch up on my sleep.

Terry Cardone—I don't have time to talk to anyone.

Stanley Drzyzga — I don't have time to see my friends.

Donny Hastings—It's too early to get up.

Chet Krygowski—Football practice is too long.

Sal Tessicini—Too little class work and too much home work.

Mrs. Kelly—I think it worked out very well and smoothly.

Avalon Safford — Excellent for work but too early to get up for school.

Helena R.—I like it because I can work in the afternoon.

Miss Hastings — It seems that I don't have much time to see and get acquainted with the youngsters.

Miss Miller—I don't like it because everything is rush, rush, rush!

COMMERCIAL NEWS

The Senior girls from the Office Practice classes completed the Junior and Senior High rank sheets, report cards and envelopes October 21. It was a tremendous project this year with our present enrollment of 1161.

The first Gregg transcription tests were given October 27. The following girls had qualifying 80's—Martha Gottsche, Jane Masure, and Joyce Minney. Best of luck to our seniors racing for the 100 word-a-minute test next month.

The typing honor roll in Office Practice lists Jane Masure in first place having typed 63 net words a minute for five minutes without error. Barbara Borgatti attained 56 net words with two errors to gain second place.

ALUMNI

This issue we seem to have the class of '52 bug.

Recently we received word that Jean Davio, '52, had been named to the dean's list at the Rhode Island School of Design. Keep up the good work, Jean! At the same school in the department of Apparel Design is Barbara Bartosiak, '50, now a Senior.

This fall Jean Hall, '52, entered Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Columbia University to continue her study in nursing.

Mary Jack of '52 has transferred to the University of Connecticut.

Four members of the Class of '53, Maureen Murphy, Geraldine White, Lucille Ferrarini, and Joan Jasmin, are now enrolled in their second year at Westfield State Teachers' College.

Shirley Ferrarini, '53, is attending Becker Junior College.

Barbara Borgatti and Ellen Claus, Class of '53, and Julie Mercier, '54, are all in Nurses' training at Springfield Hospital.

November 6th wedding bells rang for Marilyn Binns, '46, and Ted Keyes, '49.

Ray Casella, '53, is continuing his studies at Tufts Medical School.

We also noticed that Robert Anderson, '54, has been making a name for himself on the football team at Williston Academy.

Dick Peterson, '52, is the owner of a trucking concern hauling U. S. mail from Springfield to Pittsfield.

Bernard Campbell, '52, is his own boss in his construction business.

Working for Bernie is Charles Granger, '53, who also works part time on his farm and at Sarat's Motor Sales.

That's all for this month, but we'll be back again next issue.

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Last month we had several complaints that our column was too short. Knowing how much you all enjoy it, we have resolved this time to keep you all happy!!

Sandra F.—Which is more interesting, hockey or the players?? Jani T.—Going to keep an eye on Curly from the back seat?? A. Egbert—It's no secret how you feel!! Donald H.—The quiet one!! C. Sulborski—Are you planning to play chess on your chicken farm?? Albert Girotti—Hayride enthusiast!! Carolyn A. and Charlie R.—One of the newest items!! Betty C.—My Dickie . . . for keeps!! Mac and Lynne—"Love's Old Sweet Song". Pat Bowne—Who are you going to reform next?? Janet K.—The Knight in "red" armor!! Bruno—There are girls in Agawam!! Marilyn M.—A boy for every day of the week?? Barb B.—How's the great romance?? Judy and Ray—Our silent love! Charlie R.—Did you grow a new arm yet?? Kay—The torch is yet to burn.

Judy and Butch—Remember the West Side Rally of "53"? John B.—Troubles with Harriet?? Chick M.—Is it still Judy?? Sandy and Freddy—A cute couple!! Linda G.—Who's the flame in room 26?? E. Cirillo—A boy from Windsor Locks? J. Murphy—Did you lose the bet?? Butch D. and Janet C.—A budding romance? Margie G.—Whose ring? Jane Andrews—Variety is the spice

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of life!! S. Pond—Is it still Joe?? Bev. B.—Still writing letters?? Gail T.—Date snatcher!! L. Knighton—You were lucky this time!! Sara Jo—Who woke you up that Saturday A.M.?? Fred L.—Acrush on Barb?? Jane M.—Undecided, now?? Judy C.—Dimples! those long letters!! Janet H.—What's so interesting in "Spike"? Dot Zucco—Is Art B. the new flame?? Joe W.—Unfair blocking!! Dick DiLullo—What's this about swimming?? Larry—Quite the football player!! Charlie G.—Isn't the string tied tight enough?? College Course 12—The new spaghetti twirler champs!! Phyllis B.—Any special place you like to eat out?? Wayne S.—Who's the No. 1 girl??

You can relax now, fans, this is the end, but we'll be right back next month!!

FRESHMAN FLASHES

The Freshman Class held its first meeting in October to elect Class officers. The results were:

President, James Bruno; vice-president, Sandra Miller; secretary, Joy Montagna; treasurer, Robert Broggi. Good luck to the class of "58"!

OUT OF THE INKWELL

WHO — ME?

Sometimes I'm so selfish,
And think of only me—
Just like a little jellyfish,
I swim about the sea.
I never think of troubles,
Who me? I have not any.
Cause all I do is sit all day
And blow some crazy bubbles.
I am not bright that's plain to see,
So why should I worry
I'll be just like a bumble bee—
Who never even hurries.

Harriet Shea "56"

During a Christmas exam, one of the questions was, "What causes a depression?" One of the students wrote: "God knows. I don't. Merry Christmas!"

The exam paper came back with the professor's notation: "God gets 100. You get zero. Happy New Year."

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Meetings are held under Parliamentary Procedure and Mr. Holmes, advisor, acts as Parliamentarian. No debates have been held as yet, but one is being planned for sometime in December. Meetings are held once a week after the closing of the Senior High session.

Gambit Club

The club was started this year. There are 20 members, who are presently engaged in competitive eliminations in the hope that an official A.H.S. chess team is started. There will be competition with surrounding schools in official Chess Tournaments. Anyone interested in joining,

contact Mr. Roseman. There are no dues, no officers, and no official meetings.

Camera Club

The first meeting of the Camera Club took place October 25, 1954. Officers elected are:

President, Albert Perrah
Vice-President, Richard Gray
Secretary-Treasurer, Sandra Saitto

The object of the club is to learn about camera methods. Mr. Roseman is the club's advisor.

Biology Club

The Biology Club held its first meeting October 26, 1954. Officers elected are:

President, Mona Moretti
Vice-President, Paul Langlois
Secretary, Sandra Saitto
Treasurer, Richard Gray

Right now the club is working on various projects. Advisor to the club is Mr. Langlois.

FASHION-ATING NEWS

Hi Gang!

Here we are off on another fashion tour of various colors and styles. Some of the lasting triumphs of fashion from last year's contribution include the good old boy coat and plaid scarf. They even have gloves to match the scarfs now. White bucks and the leather collars still are making a fine showing in the school circles.

Starting the new year off are the dark sweaters with light colored boy shirts over them. Another set of luxuries is the scotch plaid bow ties with matching belts—something

which sets off a plain dress or skirt very neatly.

Still on the list of fashion is the smart-looking jumper. This year they are noted for their princess style waistlines. The very latest is the khaki pants for girls. They look much more dressy than dungarees.

From the way it looks, teen-age fashions are definitely turning toward men's prevailing styles.

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BROWNIES DROP THRILLER TO TECH

By Tom O'Keefe

The Brownies lost a hard-fought game to Chet Boulris and Tech High School with a score of 14-7. Boulris, one of the best backs in this area, put on a terrific running exhibition but was continually attacked by the Brownies. Tech held on to the ball most of the first half but managed to score only one touchdown. Jim Bruno, our hard driving fullback, let go with a tremendous boot from his own 30 to the Tech 5. Tech drove to the Brownies 18 where they fumbled, and Roger Phaneuf recovered the ball. Bruno was forced to kick with the ball going dead on Agawam's 33, which set up Tech's first T.D. Tech scored again in the third period, with Boulris carrying over for the touchdown and extra point. With 40 seconds left to play, Bob Merk and Bruno teamed up for Agawam's lone score with Turk taking it over for the score.

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AGAWAM DOWNED BY GREENFIELD

By Stan Drzyzga

The Brownies held Greenfield to a 7-0 half-time score. In the third quarter the speedy "Merk" skirted the end for Agawam's only T.D. Joe Pisano fought his way over for the extra point. Greenfield's air attack was too strong for the Brownie 11, as they scored 3 T.D.'s by passes.

Johnny Siano was the spark plug for Greenfield. In the third period he raced 75 yards, ripping through the Brownies' left side of the line for a touchdown, breaking the tie.

Greenfield had some spirit added to the team after Siano's long run. They were especially anxious to win this game since their head coach, Carl Nichols, was confined in the hospital.

The setback was the third for the Brownies.

Score by periods:

Greenfield	0	7	6	13—26
Agawam	0	0	7	0—7

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Therefore, on this Thanksgiving Day, 1954, let us give thanks for our many blessings and opportunities, and let us make a sincere effort to become a part of this living heart that keeps America strong.

(Above includes excerpts from Reader's Review)

UNDER-DOG BROWNIES

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last quarter finished the scoring. Jim plowed through the right side of the West Side line and galloped 50 yards to put the game on ice.

West Side made one more attempt at tying the score, but failed. With the help of poor officiating, West Side was able to drive to the Agawam 12 in the last seconds. With the 3500 fans in a frenzy, Chick Mitchell popped in front of a poor West Side pass on the goal line and ran it back to the 14. A quarterback sneak ran out the clock. The game ended with the exuberant Agawam rooters going wild.

No one player was outstanding in this victory. Every player played his heart out and showed the spirit that Agawam teams are noted for.

A big cheer goes to Coach Leonardi, who worked his boys hard for this game and whose secret weapon completely fooled the Terriers. Score by periods:

Agawam	0	7	6	6—19
West Side	0	6	6	0—12

Agawam scoring: Touchdowns: B. Mercadante (2), Bruno. P.A.T.: Bruno. West Side scoring: Touchdowns: Vetal, Biagini.

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ner, and Joanne Meissner; Amber Wolcott's committee consisting of Marion Templeman, Dorothy Roos, Richard Arnold, Richard Stahle, James Hauser, Joan Marshall, and Carol Bonavita, are busily working on decorations for this gala affair. Donald Gould and his committee for entertainment include Shirley Spinelli, and Leon Hebert.

Donald has engaged Mr. Don Gould's band to play for dancing. Amber and Harriet have excellent ideas for decorations and invitations, which will feature a snow-scene.

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